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TUESDAY.

PRICE TWO CENTS

ON PAGE 11 SEE LIST OF WANT AD

Mr. McKinley Will Be Given a Warm Welcome by the Trans-Mississippi Congress at Wichita

ARRESTED HIMSELF

THEN GEORGE MARTIN PLEADED GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT.

WROTE LETTER E HIMSELF TO CENCE. PROVE HI

MO ing Spread the Written Ob-Report That I scene Letters-was Fined \$25, but There Were No Costs.

A man for whom no warrant of arrest had been issued walked into the federa court yesterday and asked to be allowed to plead guilty to a violation of the federal

He was old and decrepit, with gray chit whiskers and gold eyeglasses. Judge Philips looked him over and asked his name. "George Martin, of Browning, Mo.," was

"There is no warrant for this man, is there?" asked the judge, of the clerk.
"I was indicted by the grand jury," said the voluntary prisoner. with sending obscene letters through the

"Whom did you send them to?" asked the judge.

Judge Philips looked astounded and for a few moments doubted the sanity of the old man. Inspector Enterman was sent for and gave the following remarkable account of the old man's guilt:

writing anonymous letters to young people at Browning and the matter became the talk of the town and citizens were greatly incensed over it. Some small boys, whose enmity the old man had incurred, tantalized him whenever he sat on his front porch and played his fife by mocking his favorite tune, 'Jaybird, jaybird, sitting on

"In order to aggravate him the more they cried out within his hearing, 'Who wrote the letters? George Martin!'
"The old man brooded over it and became

convinced that suspicion was fastened on protect himself. So he sat down and, in a trembling hand, and with much misspelling of words, wrote anonymous letters to himself similar in character to those sent before through the mails. The postoffice clerks noticed him dropping letters in the box that proved to be directed to himself and they notified Mr. Enterman. The circumstance proved so suspicious it

and scarcely knew what to do about it. The question of law was not affected by the old man addressing the letters to himself, according to the advice of the district atforney, and the grand jury decided a true bill could not be avoided.

Judge Philips fined Martin \$25 and costs. but the clerk reported there were no costs as no warrant had been issued or service secured. The fine was paid and last evening the old man returned to his home, after shaking hands with everybody about the federal building and getting advice not to pay any attention to the boys when he played "Jaybird, jaybird, sitting on a pole,"

WILL COST \$20,000.

Extensive Repairs Will Have to Be Made on County Macadamized Roads.

macadam roads have been built show that at a low estimate \$20,000 is needed for repairs. The small tire wagons which are in general use by farmers are the principal cause of repairs being needed, but aside from this where travel is heavy the macadam has been scooped out and the rains have caused these to become water courses, carrying macadam to the gulleys along the side of the roads.

Years ago a chain gang was kept at work repairing the roads, but of late years this has been discontinued, owing to the abuse of political power wielded by a county court and to a superfluity of guards. In some cases there were three guards to five prisoners and by reason of the demands of the people the system was abolished.

is reported that a number of roads are threatened with destruction by reason of ravines, which generally traverse the side of the road, cutting into the road proper. No general repairs have been made on the roads since built and unless some systematic and economical plan is at once placed in operation, the roads in many instances will practically have to be rebuilt.

MISS SEAWELL FIRST.

Will Be the Valedictorian of Class of 1899-James E. Gibson Will Rethe Salutatorian.

Miss Sallie Virginia Seawell will be the valedictorian of the Central high school class of 1899 and James E. Gibson, son of Judge James Gibson, will be the salutator-tan. The margin between the grades of the two students is very small. Miss Seawell has the remarkably good standing of \$5.53 per cent, and Mr. Gibson is second with \$7.30-32.

with 97 30-32.
The following are the three next highest:
Miss Margaret Stein, 97 31-35; Gustav
Stein, 97 25-39; Miss Carrie Stoner, 97 11-35.
The rivalry for the distinguished honor
of leading the class of 235 members was
very keen and the narrow margin between very keen and the narrow margin between the first and second grades reflects as much honor upon the second as upon the first honor pupil.

A DISTINGUISHED NEGRO.

Hon, J. Frank Wheaton, a Minnesota Legislator, Will Be Entertained by Lincoln League.

J. Frank Wheaton, one of the brightest young colored men in the North, and at present a member of the Minnesota legisla-ture to which he was elected from a district ture to which he was elected from a district containing less than 100 negro votes, will be the guest, Wednesday night, of the Lincoln League, at its clubrooms, 117 West Sixth street. Mr. Wheaton was a delegate at large to the Republican national convention held in St. Louis in 1896, and while there met Kansas City's most prominent negro politician, Nelson Crews. In a letter received by Nelson Crews. In a letter received by Nelson Crews yesterday, Mr. Wheaton says he will arrive here to-day or to-morrow and steps were promptly taken to provide for his entertainment.

Kansas City Arrivals in New York. NEW YORK, May 8.—(Special.) Hotel arrivals: New Amsterdam, W. McClellan, buyer for Burnham, Hanna, Munger & Co.; Gilsey, C. H. Hammett; Man-lattan, C. E. Finney,

SAME OLD FIGHT.

Milk Dealers Will Try to Escape

"There never was an ordinance passed that could be and was enforced that some one did not try to have it repealed," re marked a member of the council last night as he glanced over an ordinance providing for an amendment to the UAL CASE pure milk law that will be introduced at the next meeting of the council.

Another effort is going to be made to knock out the present law, which has proved so efficient in compelling milkmen to sell pure milk, and the health department will have the same old fight on its hands that it had last February when the former attempt was made. The new or dinance proposes to so amend the present law as to reduce the minimum fine from \$50 to \$10, compel the inspector to take and seal two samples of milk at each in spection, and give one to the man from whom the milk is obtained; the report of the city chemist shall at all times be open to public inspection and also that the chemist shall make his analysis of the milk samples within forty-eight hours after the sample is taken.

City Physician Coffin and Health Officer Benton have given the present law a careful trial and by a vigorous prosecution of all offenders, who have been getting the maximum fine of \$500 in police court, have succeeded in scaring dishonest dealers into obeying it. With the almost certainty of being fined \$500 and not less than \$50, dealers who are in the habit of watering their milk have refrained, but when the minimum fine is made \$10 and they have a chance to submit for analysis a sample of good milk instead of the sample the law proposes to make the inspector give them, they can bring in such conflicting testimony as will go a long way towards having their fine kept down to the minimum, if they do not succeed in getting entirely clear. It has already been shown that any milk dealer can afford to pay an occasional fine of \$10 if allowed to water his milk, and then make a big profit, and one of the main objects of the present law is to place the fine so high that one conviction will wipe out enough of the convicted party's profits to prevent him from trying the experiment again for some time. City Physician Coffin and Health Office

For several months somebody has been TO UNITE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. Westport Will Vote To-day on Annex ation of Its Schools to Those of Kansas City.

Westport will vote to-day on the annexation of its school district to Kansas City's school district. If voters do not neglect to go to the polls it is certain the result of the election will be to unite the schools of the two districts. The union means to Westport a saving of \$3,000 in textbooks, lower taxation and a better school system. It will become a part of Kansas City's school system and will enjoy the advantages enjoyed by the Kansas City

schools.

If annexation carries, the Westport school board will be abolished. The present teachers will be retained and will probably be increased in number.

There is little opposition to the proposed union. A few Westport people fear that it will mean an increase in taxation, although the reverse is true, and one memalthough the reverse is true, and one mem ber of the school board is said to be right

The elseumstance proved so suspicious it was investigated.

When charged with sending objectionable matter through the mail the old man promptly produced the letters written to himself to prove his innocence. The writing did not at all correspond to that of the original letters.

The inspector confessed he was puzzled and severally knew what to do shout it. The control ward—Barber shop, Thirty-first and Holmes streets.

and Holmes streets.

Fifth ward—High school, Thirty-ninth and Warwick boulevard.

The Westport school district is bounded by the state line on the west, by Woodland avenue on the east and by a line half a mile beyond Brush creed on the south. The northern boundary is an irregular one extending from the state line east on Thirty-first street to Troost avenue, south on

extending from the state line east on Thirty-first street to Troost avenue, south on Troost avenue to Thirty-second street, and east on Thirty-second street to Woodland avenue, the eastern boundary.

Westport needs new school buildings, improvements on the old ones, and a larger corps of instructors. If the election carries all these needs will be met and the Kansas City school board will take care of Westport's school interests just as it takes care of the school interests in Kansas City. Since the territorial annexation Kansas City and Westport are one, and the school City and Westport are one, and the school districts are bound to be merged some day.

THE DEVIL IS DEAD.

Reports from all over the county where T. Vincit, a Farmer Living Near Argentine, Declares He Has Slain the Arch-Enemy.

If T. Vincit, a farmer who lives west of Argentine, is right in his belief poor, de-luded humanity will no longer be troubled Argentine, is right in his belief poor, or tempted by that archenemy of all good, the devil. For, Mr. Vincit avers, he has killed the devil; a personal devil no longer exists to tempt the living or torture the dead. Mr. Vincit not only declares he has killed the devil, but he gets out in public and proclaims the fact so that he who runs may hear and rejoice. He tells all about the terrible encounter he had with his satanic majesty, and how he finally over-came and siew the character who brought misery and sin into the world and has kept it here for countiess ages. e for countless ages. is, Mr. Vincit wants to tell the joy

WOMAN'S PITIFUL TALE.

Deserted by Her Husband in Oklah ma, Mrs. Elizabeth Rose Is Shipped to Kansas City.

woman giving her name as Mrs. Eliz children, aged 3 and 5 years, was sent to Kansas City yesterday by the authorities Kansas City yesterday by the authorities at Pittsburg, Kas., and is being cared for temporarily by Police Matron Moore.

Mrs. Rose tells a story about having been deserted by her husband near Kelsey, O. T., a week ago. The family formerly lived in Stoddard county, Mo., and two weeks ago they started for Oklahoma in a covered wagon. With them were Mr. and Mrs. Carter Livesy, the latter a sister of Mrs. Rose. When near Kelsey Mrs. Rose says her sister and her husband drove off with the team and wagon and have not been heard of since. She was left penniless and the authorities at Kelsey sent her and her children to Joplin and from the latter place they were shipped to Pittsburg and then to Kansas City. Mrs. Moore will try to secure homes for them.

WISCOSKIE'S SHORTAGE.

Friends Intimate That It Will Be Made Good if He Is Not Prosecuted.

It is reported in Argentine, Kas., that the friends of J. E. Wiscoskie, the de faulting ex-city treasurer, will make good his shortage to the city if the criminal proceedings against him are dropped. Sev-eral of Wiscoskie's friends have held coneral of Wiscoskie's friends have held con-ferences with Mayor Green and a number of the other city efficials and have inti-mated that if the city will compromise and drop the prosecution steps will be taken to make good the shortage. The mayor declines to say just what will be done, but it is probable that the question will be discussed at the meeting of the

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Artistic decorator, Harry E. Cramer, 1229 Grand ave.

MILES KEEPS MUM

REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT THE BEEF COURT REPORT.

SAYS HE HAS NOTHING TO SAY

WOULD BE AN UNSOLDIERLY ACT TO TALK." HE SAYS.

Declares That He Will Not Inspire a Congressional Inquiry and Repudiates in Advance All Alleged Interviews and Statements.

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- "The president s commander-in-chief of the army, and my superior. He has approved the findings of the Wade court of inquiry. Therefore, I have no comment to make. It would be an unsoldlerly act were I to de so." With these words General Miles replied to a reporter who saw moment to-day with regard to the probable action he would take in view of the ad-

verse report of the court. "Will you formulate a protest to the president?" was the next question. "I have nothing to say; no, sir," replied the general.

"Will you inspire a congressional investigation?

"Do you believe congress will rectify the matter? nor have I any means of knowing in advance what verdict the result of an investigation might develop. I have no comnent, criticism or statement to make in this matter, and you may take it as cer tain that any alleged interviews or intimations to the contrary said to come from me or near me are wholly and unqualifiedly false.

"I was and am now actuated solely by the consideration of health, lives and integrity of the army. My duty is done."
Inquiry was made as to the status of of ficers criticised by the Wade report, and what course they might pursue, and it was stated that as a military legal proposition it was impossible for any action to be taken by any of the officers aggrieved might demand a court of inquiry but this was a court of inquiry which rec mmended that no further action be taken; this being approved by the president pre luded any further inquiry. General Eagan who is specified in the report, is not likely to ask for any further investigation. But Colonel Maus, of General Miles' staff, the other officer criticised, feers it keenly. His friends say he was among the witnesses whom General Miles asked to be called and who was not called by the court.

WHERE IT HURTS.

BERLIN, May 8.-It is authoritatively stated that the committee of the reichstag o which was referred the meat inspection bill which was substantially agreed upon between the imperial cabinet and the United States ambassador here, Mr. Andrew D. White, has reported against the measure American interest that the government will probably refuse to sanction it.

The most unfortunate circumstance, as regards American interests, of the meat inspection bill, was the fact that there States that embalmed and poisonous meats had been supplied to the troops in Cuba. Representatives of the German land owaling interests loudly declared that, if the Americans sent poisonous meats to their own soldiers, they would certainly send it to the Germans.

A bad result is that the bill, as reported back, provides for examination and inspection of American meats impossible to enforce without utterly destroying American trade with Germany.

The bill, as remodeled by the reichstag committee, also proposes to exclude from importation hams, hard and soft sausages and chopped meats, and prescribes that fresh meat must come in whole carcasses or continuous parts.

The United States embassy and the German government still hope that the better States that embalmed and poisonous meats

The United States embassy and the Ger-man government still hope that the better counsels will prevail when the bill comes up for discussion in the open reichstag in its second reading, though the chances for the enactment of the government measure

CHIEFS OF POLICE TO MEET. One of the Fentures Will Be a Real Bloodhound Chase of a

Negro. CHATTANOOGA, TENN., May 8.—The National Association of Chiefs of Police will meet here to-morrow in annual session. The meeting will continue three days and about 150 police chiefs will be present. and about 150 police chiefs will be present. Fifty have arrived already. Business sessions will be held in the forenoon of each day, and the afternoons will be devoted to entertainment by the citizens and local police department. To-morrow afternoon a steamboat excursion on the Tennessee river and a real bloodhound chase of a negro, arranged by Chief of Police Hill, will be features. Wednesday afternoon the visitors will be taken to Lookout Mountain and in the evening will assemble in Auditorium to witness a cakewalk un-the management of Police Captain maker. Thursday afternoon they will

der the management Huffaker. Thursday after go to Chickamauga park. GENERAL FORCE IS DEAD. Was Commandant of Ohio Soldiers' Home-Breveted Major Gen-

ernl in 1864. SANDUSKY, O., May 8 .- General Manning F. Force, commandant of the Ohio Soldiers' home, died at the home, near this city, this afternoon. He entered the army in 1861 as lieutenant colonel, was promoted to brigadier in 1863, and brevetted major

BELLEFOUNTAINE, O., May 8.-Judge William A. Lawrence, ex-comptroller of the treasury of the United States, died at his country home here to-day. He was president of the National Association of Wool Growers, and prominent in various business enterprises, as well as in poli-

"TOO MUCH POLITICS."

Why a Former Editor of the Minneapolis Times Committed Sui-

cide Yesterday. WALLA WALLA, WASH., May 8-W. E. Gooding, a well known railroad man, and for several years editor of the Minneapolis Times, committed suicide here today by shooting himself in the head. The body was found lying in an outhouse, back of his lodging house. Gooding came to this city last Thursday to take a position as traveling freight agent of the Washington & Columbia River railroad. Owing to ill health, he was unable to go to work, and was under the care of a physician. He left a letter to the coroner and one to his friend, General Manager McAbee, of

his friend, General Manager McAbee, of the Washington & Columbia River railroad. The letter to the coroner said an inquest was unnecessary and said his was simply a case of "too much politics and bad luck."

The letter to Mr. McAbee was a lengthy one and, among other things, said: "I don't know why I am going to do it. I must be crazy, but it is the only way out of it."

He inclosed a roll of greenbacks which he requested be sent to his wife. Gooding was a man of temperate habits, well educated and of refined tastes. He leaves a wife and three children in Minneapolis; also a brother in business in Minneapolis. The body will be shipped to Minneapolis for interment.

TRIAL OF BERTHA BEILSTEIN. of the Most Sensational Cases in the History of Crime Comes Up at Allegheny.

PITTSBURG, PA., May 8.—The jury to try Bertha Beilstein for the murder of her other at their home, 203 Spring Garden avenue, Allegheny, October 2, last, was ompleted at 1 o'clock this afternoon and the trial proceeded, the balance of the day occupied in the statement of the case by the prosecuting attorney and the hearing of several witnesses.

The terrible nature of the crime which Miss Beilstein is arraigned, the killing of her mother, her own futile attempt at suicide, as a result of which she lingered for months between life and death, with horrible wounds in her head and abdomen; the suicide of old "Uncle Davy" Reis, following so soon after the murder in October last, and, finally, the last catastrophe in the terrible family tragedy—the suicide of her brother. Edward, on his murdered mother's grave in Voegtlris cemetery, Troy hill, just six weeks and a day after that ill-starred day in October—have made this one of the most famous and sensational cases in the history of the crime. The trial of the young woman, as a consequence, is being watched with great interest, and one of the evidences of the excitement it is causing in this city was the crowd that infested the court house corridors this morning long before the doors of the criminal court were opened. which Miss Beilstein is arraigned, the kill-

NEGRO YOUTH SHOT DOWN. White Man Claims to Have Caught Him Attempting to Assault

a Woman. CUMBERLAND, MD., May 8.-William Parish, a negro, 18 years of age, was shot and killed to-day by John Meyers, white. Meyers, it is said, caught the negro at tempting a felonious assault upon Mrs. Kate Haier, an aged white naman, of Sulphur Springs hollow. As Parish, after be vered, started to run away, Mey ers fired and almost instantly killed him.
Meyers says he was informed that Parish
attempted a similar assault upon a Mrs.
Nies earlier in the afternoon, but had been
frightened off before accomplishing his

A coroner's jury rendered a verdict to-night that the shooting was justifiable. Meyers is in jail on a warrant charging murder. Application for habeas corpus will be made to-morrow. The verdict is approved on all sides, though it is said colored residents held a meeting, for what purpose is not known.

LOVERS KILL THEMSELVES.

She Because She Had an Incurable Disease; He, Because She Did.

BEEMER, NEB., May 8.-The bodies of oseph Harnby and Mary Vlack, daughter of a farmer, were buried in the same grave to-day. The girl killed herself because she to-day. The girl killed nerself because she was convinced she could not be cured of an allment from which she was suffering. Harnby, to whom the girl was engaged, called at the Vlack house and asked permission to see the remains. He entered the death chamber and immediately shot himself, dying instantly.

Baker Held for Assault.

WEBB CITY, MO., May 8.—(Special.) L. David Baker, of Carthage, charged with a felonious assault upon Albert Noel, a prominent mining operator of this city, and attempting to rob him of \$500, was to-day held to the December term of the circuit court by Justice Frankenberger in \$1,000 bonds. The same charge against Baker's wife will be heard next Friday. The offense was committed in this city last Monday night.

SHELBY, O., May 8.—Twenty tramps engaged in a drunken fight near the depot here this afternoon, and two of them were badly shot, one receiving fatal wounds. The man seriously hurt gives his name as James O'Brien, of South Clarke street, New York. He is shot near the heart, in the arm and leg. He says he is a laborer, and was once a printer and reporter.

WELLINGTON, KAS., May 8.—(Special.)
The trustees of the Sumner county high
school, in session here, re-elected T. W.
Butcher principal at a salary of \$1,200 a
year. The other members of the faculty
will be the same as last year, except Miss
Manda A Price who has resigned to take Maude A. Price, who has resigned to take post graduate studies and whose place in the department of English has been filled by the election of Miss Pauline Lewelling, daughter of ex-Governor Lewelling, of

Plunged Through a Bridge. WEST SUPERIOR, WIS., May 8.-Ar WEST SUPERIOR, WIS, May 8.—An Eastern Minnesota ore train, consisting of forty ore cars and several boxcars, crashed through the bridge of the Belt Line railway that crosses the Nemadji river to-day. Engineer Thomas Quinn was crushed to death and Fireman Harry Miller had his leg badly crushed. The train fell a distance of sixty feet to the river.

Struck Because Men Were Laid Off. LIMA. O.. May 8.—The molders at the Lima Locomotive and Machine works struck to-day because five of their number were laid off. The company acceded to their demands for an increase Saturday, but this morning laid off five men and the others struck.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS.

The postoffice at Olathe, Kas., has been moved to the building of M. G. Miller, at moved to the building rental of \$200 per year. The postoffice at Island City, Gentry county, Mo., has been re-established, with Gillesple Hindmon as postmaster. Louis, has been appointed as a reserve agent for Leavenworth National bank, Kansas. The Merchants' National bank, of St.

The civil service commission announces that an examination will be held on June 3 for the position of cierk and carrier in the postoffice at Louisiana, Mo. Another Anti-Expansion Meeting.

CHICAGO, May &—Another meeting of citizens opposed to the continuation of war in the Philippines is to be held in Cnicago before the end of the month. Invitations to attend are to be issued to all the governors and senators who have gone on record as being opposed to the fighting in the Philippine islands. Arrangements for the meeting are being perfected by Edwin Burritt Smith.

The following postoffices have been discontinued: Antioch, Miami county, Kas., mail to Gardner: Philadelphia, Johnson county, Kas., mail to Gardner

DEWEY TO RETURN TROUBLE FOR DR. BRIGGS. MAY GET M'KINLEY

WILL LEAVE MANILA WITHIN A

DEWEY WILL TAKE OLYMPIA DI-RECT TO NEW YORK.

WATSON IS TO SUCCEED HIM

He Is Not to Start. However, Until the Philippines Commission, of Which He Is a Member, Has Completed Its Work.

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- The navy de partment has selected a successor to Admiral Dewey to command the Asiatic station. Orders were issued to-day detaching Rear Admiral Watson from command of the Mare island navy yard and ordering him to report to Admiral Dewey at Manila, to relieve that officer when he feels that he can be spared there. Rear Admiral Kempff, at present on waiting orders has been ordered to suc-

ceed Admiral Watson in command of the Mare island navy yard. to-day that Admiral Dewey will come from Manila direct to New York, when he returns to the United States. However, it was added that the admiral will not start until the commission of which he is a member has completed the work it has undertaken, at least so far as it relates to the restoration of peace to the islands. The reason for bringing the flagship, the Olympia, to New York, instead of having built, is said to be primarily because Ad- captain named Delagatto, who is stationed leave for Vellowstone park. It would fit miral Dewey desires to make the passage on his own flagship, but also for the reason that the Mare island yard threatens to be overwhelmed with repair work as soon as the numerous vessels of Dewey's fleet begin to return to the United States. The Olympia is in need of a thorough overhauling, having been away from her home sta-tion longer than any of the vessels in the Asiatic fleet, and having rendered more than the usual amount of hard service during her absence.

FAITH HEALER ARRESTED.

She Attempted to Cure Gangrene of the Foot by Laying On of

Hands. NEW YORK, May 8.-President Michael C. Murphy, of the board of health, ordered the arrest to-day of Mrs. Maria Miller, a faith cure healer, who is accused of being responsible for the critical condition in The child was first attended by a physician, who said the affected member would have to be amputated. The parents refused to consent to this, and called in Mrs. Miller, who, it is alleged, said she could cure the child by laying on of hands. The patient grew rapidly worse under this treatment and a physician was again called in. He ordered the child to a hospital, where the left leg was amputated, but the case had gone too far, and it is feared death will ensue.

A coroner's inquest into the death of Mrs. Charlotte Barget, who died of dropsy in Mount Vernon after treatment by a Christian Scientist, was begun to-day.

CHINA ENTERS PROTEST

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Objects to the Extension of United States Immigration Laws

WASHINGTON, May 8.-The Chinese legation here has made a strong protest to the state department against the extension of the Chinese exclusion act to Cuba this having been one result of a recent executive order extending the immigration laws of the United States to Cuba and Porto Rico, Mr. Yung Kwal, an attache of had made such a protest, and that in view of the fact that the Chinese would make the best kind of citizens for the settlement of Cuba he believed that the order would be modified so as not to exclude his coun-

"The dowager empress," he added, "has recently granted the most liberal protection to Americans, and wishes to become more closely allied with America, and this countries of the second try will be going against its own interests if it refuses to meet China half way."

Secretary Hay later said that the matter was under consideration by the state de-

SHERMAN NOT A CANDIDATE. Writes That No Man of 76 Ought to Attempt to Fill an Execu-

tive Office. CINCINNATI, O., May 8.-Harry R. Probasco, formerly district United States attorney here, and a relative of John Sher man, has received a letter from the former secretary of state, saying: "You are en tirely right in supposing that I have no thought of being nominated or elected gov thought of being nominated or elected gov-ernor of Ohio. I do not want the office, and could not accept it in my present con-dition of health and strength. No man of the age of 75 ought to undertake the performance of the many details of an executive office. You are authorized to say that I am not a candidate for governor, o not wish my name mentioned in that onnection, and would not accept it if nom-

LINCOLN BANKS COMBINE. American National Absorbed by the First National Last

Evening. LINCOLN, NEB., May 8 .- A consolidation of the First National and the legislation.

American Exchange National banks, of Lincoln, was effected to-night, and of Lincoln, was effected to-night, and the two will open under one man-agement to-morrow with the name of First National. The consolidated banks are the two largest in the city. S. H. Eurnham, of the American Exchange, suc-ceeds to the presidency of the consolidated concerns, and H. S. Freeman, of the First National, retains his position as cashier. No Yellow Fever in Havana.

HAVANA, May 8.—The continued absence of yellow fever from this city astonishes wen the sanitary department. Resident obysicians believe steps taken since Ameran occupation have made it possible that he disease may be checked for a short ime, and look forward to a summer of comparative immunity from yellow fever Medical practitioners, however, believe that some cases will develop before June.

St. Joseph Woman Injured. ST. JOSEPH. MO., May 8.—(Special.) Mrs. S. M. Nave, society leader and wife of the wholesale therchant, was thrown from a phaeton by a frightened horse and received a broken leg and severe internal

When going to Joplin don't fall to enjoy the luxury of a trip in the K. C., P. & G. special sleeper. H. C. ORR, G. P. A.

NEW YORK, May 8.-Bishop Potter received to-day a second letter from Rev. B. F. De Costa, which, it is thought, may prevent the ordination of Dr. Briggs with out a formal investigation of the charges against him. The letter reads as follows:

against him. The letter reads as follows:
Church of St. John the Evangelist, New
York, May 6, 1889.
Reverend and Dear Sir:—Referring to
my letter of May 2, 1889, on canon II, title 2,
in its relation to Dr. Briggs' case, I beg to
say that I am prepared to bring a specific
charge against Dr. Briggs of teaching contrary to the standards of the Protestant
Episcopal church, and that I claim my
right to a hearing before a committee empowered to investigate public rumors. right to a hearing before a committee empowered to investigate public rumors.

In speaking of the letter, Dr. De Costa said that it was his canonical right to be heard. He added that he did not speak for himself alone, but for others. Asked whether he thought Bishop Potter would ordain Dr. Briggs quietly, without giving notice to the diocese, Dr. De Costa said that it was an unwritten law of the church that such matters must be given publicity, and it would be worse to violate such a law than to go contrary to the written statutes. He further said that it looked very much now as if Dr. Briggs' ordination would be postponed, if not entirely omitted. There was scarcely time for due notice to be given before the date set for Dr. Briggs' departure for Europe.

IN MEMORY OF JOAN OF ARC Annual Celebration of the Deliver ance of Orleans Was Held

Yesterday. ORLEANS, May 8.-The annual celebra of Arc was held here to-day, with the customary ceremonies. A salute of twentyone guns was fired at sunrise and all the stone park. bells in the city were rung. At 10 o'clock the municipal and other bodies went to the cathedral, which was decked with flow ers and flags, as is the custom on grand drapery and flags. There was an enormous present on that occasion. I think it is crush of people seeking admission to the safe to say he will be there."

cathedral. A cantata was rendered by 500 The president expects to spend two weeks at Versailles. Archbishop Ireland, the oraat Versailles. Archbishop Ireland, the orator of the occasion, spoke in French. In
beginning his address Archbishop Ireland
said that if there were any surprise that
a stranger should be the orator on such an
occasion as this, it must be remembered
that Joan of Arc not only belonged to
France, but to the human race generally.
After a eulogy on Joan of Arc, Archbishop
Ireland said that he was happy to setze the
occasion to tell of his unspeakable affection for France, which was the land of his
youth and the school of his soul.

AT ST. LOUIS TO-MORROW.

Pilot Byran Declares He Can Take the Nashville That Far Up the River.

ST. LOUIS, May 8.-A special to the Post-Dispatch from a staff correspondent on board the gunboat Nashville is as follows: The cruiser Nashville is certain to ride at anchor in front of St. Louis. She will be there Wednesday. She weighed anchor which Lizzie Kranz, a 12-year-old child, and steamed away from Cairo at 5:30

from surrounding towns are expected in St. Louis while the Nashville is here, all railroads having made special rates

ASSESSMENT OF RAILROADS. State Board of Equalization Has Ar-

ranged a Schedule for Hearings. JEFFERSON CITY, May &-(Special.) The state board of equalization has fixed the following dates upon which to hear testimony, arguments and suggestions with reference to the valuation and assessment of railroad, bridge and telegraph property

of railroad, bridge and telegraph property for taxes of 1859:
May 23, the street railroads of St. Louis; May 24, the street railroads of Kansas City and all other street railroads: May 25, the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis system; May 25, the Atchison. Topeka & Santa Fe system; May 27, the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific system; May 29, the Missouri Facific system; May 30, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas system; May 31, the Wabash system; June 3, the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Guif system; June 5, the St. Louis Southwestern; June 5, the Chicago & Alton system; June 7, the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; June 8, the St. Louis & Southwestern; June 9, terminal railroad of St. Louis, Union Pacific and other terminal railroads; June 10, private car lines and St. Louis, Union Pacine and other terminal railroads; June 10, private car lines and companies; June 12, 13 and 14, all other railroad, bridge and telegraph companies. All county officials and citizens who may be interested in the assessment of railroad, bridge and telegraph companies or who may have information in regard thereto are invited to appear before the board on these dates.

SHREWD CHICAGO SCHEME.

Legitimate Plan Hit Upon for Beating the Government Out of Large Sums. CHICAGO, May 8.-Some shrewd Chicago

en have hit upon a plan by which they ope to deprive the United States government of thousands of dollars without being rought to justice. The scheme is to other up all the second class advertising brought to justice. The scheme is to gather up all the second class advertising mail matter of large commercial houses, ship it to Mexico by freight, change their American money into Mexican money at the rate of two to one, buy Mexican stamps, then mail the matter back to he United States, thus saving half a cent on each letter. A careful examination of the laws, the promoters claim, has satisfied the postal authorities that the government is unable to do anything in the case without legislation.

A SPOUTING WELL

Water Shoots From 200 to 400 Feet High and Stream Cannot Be Controlled. LOS ANGELES, CAL, May &-A well

which spouts a large column of water from 200 to 400 feet high has been opened near 20 to 400 feet high has been opened near Whittier, in this county. The well was being drilled in the hope of striking oil. While the men were at work an enormous volume of water, under tremendous pressure, shot out of the mouth of the well. Ever since the flow began it has steadily kept up. The country around is flooded and no means of controlling the stream has yet been found.

To Bring Morocco to Time.

TANGIER, MOROCCO, May 8.—The United States cruiser Chicago has arrived here to support the claims of the United States government against the sultanate of Morocco. Rear Admiral Henry L. Howison and the United States consul general, Mr. Samuel R. Gunners, paid a visit to the foreign minister of Morocco, Sid Hamed Ben Musa.

Hotel Victoria offers superior accommodations, Rates, \$2 and \$2.50. O. B. Stanton, prop. claire

WICHITA LIKELY TO ENTERTAIN THE PRESIDENT.

MR. A. C. JOBES INVITES HIM

HE IS WANTED AT THE TRANS-MIS-SISSIPPI CONGRESS.

The President Assured Mr. Johns That He Would Endeavor So to Arrange His Western Trip as to Include the "Peerless Princess."

WASHINGTON, May 8 .- (Special.) Mr. White House to-day and, on behalf of the vitation to the president to attend the meeting of the congress, to be held at Wichita, May 31 to June 3. The president inquired closely into the meaning of the meeting; asked many questions about business conditions West, and referred with enthusiasm to his Western He thought he had earned a rest ion of the deliverance of Orieans by Joan trip. He thought he had earned a rest and he would not object to taking in business meetings en route to and from Yellow-

After a half hour with the president, Mr. Jobes, on leaving the White House, said: "The president assures me that he will leave nothing undone to so arrange his occasions. The nave was festooned with Western trip as to enable him to be

performers. Among those present was a at Hot Springs, Va., and then round up descendant of Joan of Arc, an artillery the executive work for a few days and climate and comfort to go by the Central route, returning by the Northern route.

among them being a stopover at Denver. where Senator Wolcott is to entertain the presidential party. The senator is off for Europe, but may be able to get back in three weeks and this would enable the president to take in Wichita and Denver en coute West. Should the senator be deto fill the Denver engagement on his way East from Yellowstone.
Taking it all in all, the chances are

mighty good for the president to attend the trans-Mississippi congress.

President and Mrs. McKinley left the city to-night for a vacation of a week or ten days at Hot Springs, Va. The trip was made in a handsomely equipped special train which left here at 9:50 clock over the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, and is scheduled to arrive at the springs about 0 clock to-morrow morning. The president and Mrs. McKinley occupied the private car Cleopatra, which was attached to the rear of the train, the remainder of the special being made up of the compartment car Patagonia and the combination smoking and baggage car Atlantic. The train was equipped with every convenience for the comfort of the travelers. The party included also Mr. George B. Cortelyou, the assistant sceretary to the president; Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Rixey and Mr. Barnes, of the White House clerical force. The president's health is good, but he feels the the trans-Mississippi congress. and Mrs. P. M. Rixey and Mr. Barnes, of the White House clerical force. The presi-dent's health is good, but he feels the need of rest and recreation and hence all official business during his absence will be attended to as far as possible at the White House. While at the springs the party will stay at "The Homestead," where Secretary and Mrs. Gage are now located for a week's stay. Secretaries Alger and Wilson and Adjutant General Corbin and a few other friends were at the station and remained until the train departed.

If President McKinley consents to stop off in Kansas City, the people of this city would undoubtedly give him a splendid greeting. When he was here before in 1892 he was simply Governor McKinley, of Ohio, and a magnificent demonstration in Ohio, and a magnificent demonstration in the Auditorium, which was packed to suffocation, testified to the admiration of the people for him.

The last president to visit Kansas City was Grover Cleveland and he was given a great ovation. President McKinley would be greeted by tremendous throngs. If he comes to Kansas City the Commercial Club and other organizations will undoubtedly take immediate steps to arrange for a fitting reception.

GOVERNORS ARE INVITED.

Governor Stanley Urges Them to Attend the Trans-Mississippi Congress Convention.

TOPEKA, May 8.-Governor Stanley has addressed to the governors of Western states pressing invitations to attend the annual convention of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress which will be held in Wichita, May 31, to June 3, inclusive. Among other things the governor says in his letter: "Extensive plans have been completed which we believe will insure the largest and most successful meeting the congress has ever had, and important mutual advantages may result from the discussion of interstate questions which the congress will provide."

ALICE NIELSEN IN CHICAGO.

Had a Bigger House Last Night Than on the Occasion of Her Stellar Debut. GHICAGO, May 8.-Alice Nielsen opened

her second Chicago engagement at the Col-umbian theater to-night. The house was considerably larger than on the occasion considerably larger than on the occasion of her stellar debut here last January. Commenting on this fact, Manager Commers said:
"It is a remarkable fact that Miss Nielsen's return engagements everywhere have surpassed her first ones. With a new star this record may be said to be unprecedented."

At the end of her season here Miss Nielsen and her management will go direct to England to make preparations for a Lon-don engagement next year.

TO MOVE \$68,000,000 IN SILVER It Will Make 680 Wagonloads, of Three Tons Each-Is in 68,000 Boxes.

PHILADELPHIA, May 8.-The 68,000,000 silver dollars now in the vaults of the mint and postoffice buildings here, and which and postoffice buildings here, and which secure the issue of silver certificates, will be transferred to the recently completed vaults in the new mint site, beginning tomorrow. The money is inclosed in 88,000 boxes, \$1,000 to the box. The silver weighs 2,040 tons, and, each wagon carrying three tons, 800 loads will be necessary. The government will have two representatives at each vault and will also be represented by one guard on every wagon.

Recruits Off for San Juan.

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 8.—About 250 re-cruits left Jefferson barracks to-day for San Juan, Porto Rico, where they will be divided up between the Eleventh infantry. Fifth cavalry and Third artillery. Several officers of the Eleventh infantry went in charge of the recruits. Smallpox at Leclaire, In.

DAVENPORT. IA., May 8.—Fifteen cases of disease in Leclaire, Ia., have been identi-fied by officers of the state board of health as smallpox. The Davenport council to-night declared a quarantine against Le-